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Application No. 10/726,219
Docket No. MOR3334P2060US**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	William L. Grilliot <i>et al.</i>)	
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Application:	10/726,219)	Gary L. Welch
)	Primary Examiner
Filing Date:	December 2, 2003)	Art Unit 3765
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Docket No.:	MOR3334P2060US)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicants are responding to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005, through the undersigned attorney. You are requested to reconsider this application for the following reasons.

You are requested to reconsider the rejection of claims 1 through 6 and 10 through 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Barbeau *et al.* (US 6,260,207).

Claim 1, upon which the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly, recites that "the cover is joined to the shroud along an uninterrupted juncture extending around a posterior portion of the head of the wearer, so as to eliminate any gap between the shroud and the cover, where the cover is joined to the shroud."

The applicants traverse the characterization of Barbeau *et al.* that "[t]he cover 35 is joined to the shroud 1 along an uninterrupted juncture extending around the posterior portion of the head of the wearer thereby eliminating any gap between the shroud and the cover."